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ct of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) **FY 2005** N9450.0077/P077-A (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) 10/661,495-Conf. #7412 Filed September 15, 2003 Application Number NUCLEIC ACID PURIFICATION METHOD AND PURIFICATION APPARATUS P. T. Lewis Art Unit 1623 Examiner This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): **Small Entity Fee** Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 \$ 120.00 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$450 \$225 \$ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1020 \$510 \$ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$795 \$ \$1590 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2160 \$1080 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 04-1073 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 January 2**4**, 2005 Signature Date Mark J. Thronson -- Reg. No.: 33,082 (202) 775-4742 Gabriela I. Coman -- Reg. No.: 50.515 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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